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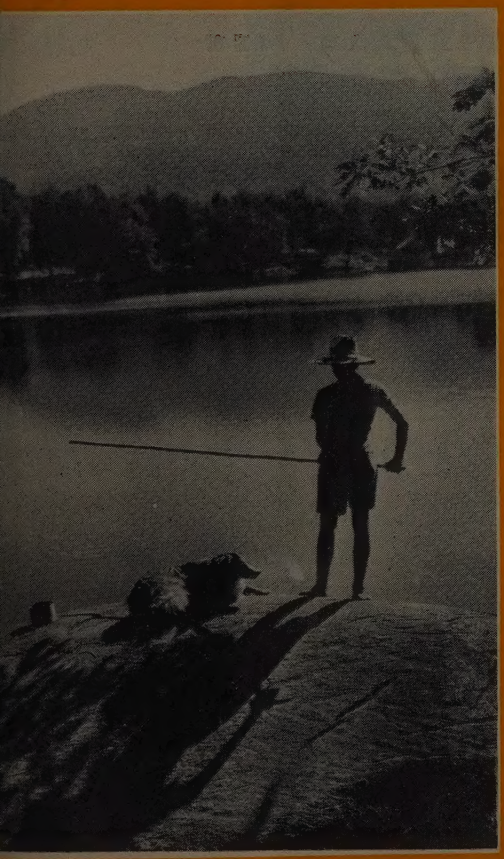

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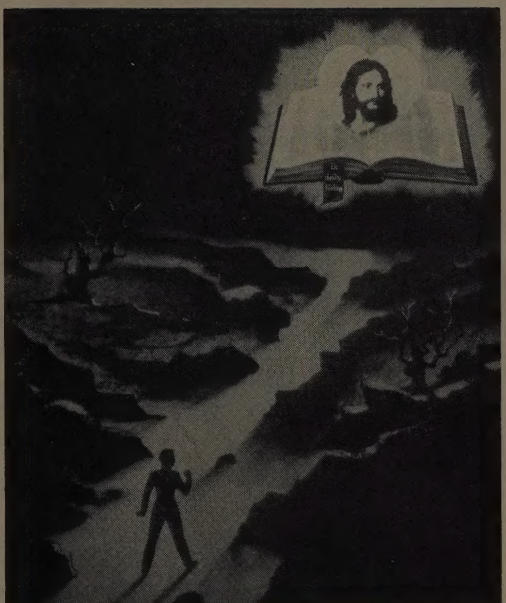
A Light Unto My Path

by WILLIAM C. BERKEMEYER



No man needs to be told that he needs "A light unto his path" through this world. Trials, temptations, stumbling-blocks, frustrations, steep grades, sudden turns, catastrophic wash-outs belong to his daily experience. The Bible is no magic genie to remove any of these; nor does it unclose a secret path through life which will by-pass all these human dangers. As the Psalmist testifies, the Word of God is simply "a lantern unto my feet and a light unto my path."

To be sure, there are many writings of mankind which throw light upon our human path by showing us what experiences we face in life and how we may meet them. We do well to read and ponder all such writings. What then is the special character and value of the light which the Bible throws?

The light of the Bible is protected by and seen through the lantern of history. The Bible is not a book of philosophy or ethics or economics. It is a book of history. It does not give us propositons and rules and dogmas and theories, which at their best are cold and dry and hard to apply and uncertain in their permanence and pertinence.

The Bible is a lantern of many-colored glass. The light of the Bible shines through the scenes and events and characters of a refreshing stream of human history. It helps us by the light which shines through the experi-

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ences of people who lived in various ages before us. As we read it, we see people like ourselves facing dilemmas fundamentally like our own, sometimes resolving them, sometimes making the wrong decisions; but in either case light is focused upon our own dilemmas and decisions.

The light of the Bible is distinctively helpful because of the long rays it throws out over life. It may well be that nowhere in the Bible can a man find a problem or circumstance exactly like his own. For that reason some people regard the Scriptures as remote and impractical. The Bible is certainly not an answer-book for all the questions which a citizen of this 20th century industrial world can pose. The rays that stream through its lantern are not sharply focused on the ground of this immediate present; rather do they light up the path far ahead and the ground all around. They throw a great circle of light about the temptation or trial or danger or the stumbling-block or the hard, winding way we have to face.

This light shows the far consequences of our action, good or ill. It allows us to see reasons for doing things and the fruits of doing them. It ties life together, link to link. It lifts our eyes to high horizons beyond steep grades and to sunlit mountaintops above dark valleys. It helps us to see our immediate problem in the long perspective of eternity and t broad reaches of our life with o fellow men.

The light of the Bible is m unique in still another way. It is warming light. The light of this l tern shines not just through t colored-glass of the past, and not j out around the circumstances of t present and on to the winding clim of the future. This light shines upon the face of the man who carri and uses it. The light which glo through the top of this Bible-lante is warm and cheering. It shines dire ly upon our faces. There is no gla between it and us. It makes a m conscious that he is not alone alo this path.

One who travelled it before, o who knows all its turns and pitfall one who has sweated up its ha slopes and suffered from its sha brambles and reached its joyo crests is with us. That is the way w feel as we read the Bible in order be guided and aided by its light. Th Bible is warm with the living pre ence of God, not just a remote divin ty but the Father and Saviour who Jesus Christ travelled this human ro and who treads it all over again wit all his children. The Bible is indee in a wonderful sense the Word God, "a lantern unto our feet and light unto our path."

Sermons in Cherries

He (Dr. G. Campbell Morgan) was keenly alive to daily contacts and incidents that mig be grist to his homiletic mill. In one of the most famous cherry orchards of southweste British Columbia, Dr. Morgan stood amazed at the abundance and size of the fruit. "Well!" H said to the grower, "anyone can see that cherries are easily grown here." "Dr. Morgan," sai the fruit grower, "we are fighting for the life of those cherries 365 days in a year." Th reply was turned to telling account in a later message on Christian watchfulness.

— From **"A Man of the Word"** (Life of G. Campbell Morgan) by Jill Morgan (Revel

by
MARY
HELEN
SMITH

Young people can make visits, too.

Evangelism — and Youth

"SAY, IF you really think they can o it," declared Pastor E excitedly, I'm going to try it. I'm going to use ome of our Luther Leaguers on the isitation teams this year!"

The declaration was made at a outh meeting in Kansas during hich a staff secretary from the uther League of America was leadng a discussion on how young people an participate in a congregational rogram of evangelism. Pastor E's exitement at the idea was equalled nly by the leader's amazement that he idea had never occurrd to this nan before.

With their energy bursting out all ver, teen-agers are enthusiastic champions of any cause that wins their loyalty. (Remember Hitler's youth? Or your son's sales-pressure when his class just had to sell the most tickets for the high school operetta?) Entering the fray earnestly, youth are not easily discouraged. Rough receptions or negative answers have no dulling effects on their eagerness.

Is there any reason why these attributes of youth — energy, enthusiasm, earnestness — should not be channeled into programs of evangelism in the local congregation?

Youth are ready. They need only the opportunities to serve and the directives of their leaders.

For example, let's look in on one of our mission congregations in suburban Toledo, Ohio. The pages of *Luth-*

Mary Helen Smith, Philadelphia, Pa., is ssociate secretary for the Luther League of America.

er Life (January, 1952, page 27) put the youth of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour in focus for us. Four times a year the Luther Leagues survey different areas of the mushrooming community. Their task is to get information only. After the teen-agers make the first contact, the pastor and other members of the church follow up on prospective members.

This is one congregation that is not unbalanced in favor of children and middle-aged couples. In fact, it is a congregation that has been built by and around youth. "When we started," the pastor is quoted, "we had all kids, and no parents. Now we have the parents."

In a West Coast congregation, one pastor was suddenly in a dilemma. On the very day that his Every Member Visitation was to be launched, one full team of workers failed to report for action. On an impulse, the pastor turned to his youth for replacements. That evening after the kick-off dinner for workers, the young people stimulated some serious thinking by their provocative questions during the instruction period.

The following night as workers gathered to make their initial reports, there was a tremendous surge of enthusiasm among the young people who had just experienced their first thrills in personal visitation for the church. From that point on, the pastor's doubts disappeared. He relaxed with joy as he observed the youths' contagious spirit spread among the workers. The young people of that congregation became an accepted part of the E.M.V.!

Year-Around Evangelism
Pentecost and After

Receive members
Consolidate spiritual gains of Le
Look ahead to summer
—send youth and potential lea
ers to summer camps
—prepare good staff and cov
neighborhood for vacation Bib
school
—plan for summer fellowship
congregation — picnics, outings
—be sure to invite unchurche
guests
—how about a laymen's week
end retreat?

How can young people be integra
ed into your evangelism program
Follow the examples cited here
place teen-agers on your regul
teams for visitation. Whether they a
to be all-youth teams or youth-adu
combinations depends on the loc
situation and individuals involved.

Using boys and girls for congreg
tion or community surveys provides
responsible project for the you
group. Naturally, they need guidanc
That is where the adult leaders co
in. But through the actual carryin
out of these projects in the person
contacts and face-to-face experience
that teen-agers have as they represe
their church — youth will grow n
only as Christian witnesses, but als
as loyal church members. They realiz
that their lives as well as their word
speak for the God they have confess
ed.

The young people themselves are most logical members of your gregation to call on other youth o have become lapsed and indiffer-. Every church suffers losses ong the post-confirmation through llege years. This is the age-group which the Luther League functions ges 12-24).

Through study programs in league, ung people can be grounded in the ritual signficance that motivates a ie emphasis on evangelism. The ac-n that follows such study might be ntered in the youth group or be-me a part of the congregation's angelism program.

Coordination among committees in e congregation will produce the ost effective results. At regular in-rvals (Lent and September during 952 and 1953) the Luther League of merica is placing special emphasis oon evangelism. Members of the outh group can be invited to share in the planning for congregation action. Their contributions to and benefits from such participation will be in direct proporton to the responsibilities assigned them.

In many sports a follow-through motion is necessary to accomplish a successful achievement. In like manner, there is a follow-through in evangelism among youth. As men and women, boys and girls are brought into the fellowship of the church, their Christian growth must be nurtured and their spiritual interests kept active. Here, too, youth will serve.

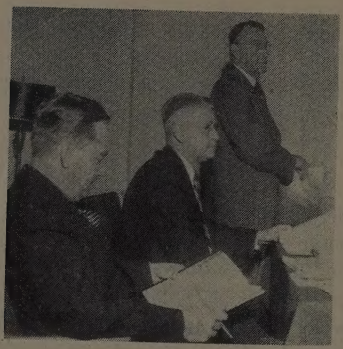
An active youth organization built on a solid educational program will be the basis for continued service by and among young people. It will attract youth into a closer relationship with their church. And it is an opportunity and challenge for the alert adults who would build the church by cultivating youth.

The beginning, the growth, and the present work of

The National Lutheran Council

THE NATIONAL Lutheran Council was born out of necessity for Lutherans in America to work together, to meet common responsibilities effectively. A cooperative, functional agency, the Council today includes two out of every three of the six million Lutherans in the United States, belonging to eight different national bodies. The activities of the Council include nearly every type of Christian work in every part of the globe.

The experience of Lutheran cooperation through the Commission for



NLC News Photo

National Lutheran Council in Action

At the 34th annual meeting of the National Lutheran Council in Atlantic City, N.J., Jan. 29 to Feb. 1, Dr. Rees Edgar Tullos (standing), secretary of the Council and chairman of its budget committee, listens to a question from the floor. Presiding is Dr. Lawrence M. Stavig, elected to his third one-year term as president. Studying report is Dr. Paul C. Empie, who was named to his second four-year term as the NLC's executive director.

Soldiers and Sailors Welfare in World War I led to the organization of the Council in 1918. In the early twenties the Council undertook an active program of Lutheran World Service to provide relief for war-stricken Lutheran churches in Europe. Then for two decades it existed only as a central office for the dissemination of Lutheran news and information, for statistical studies and research.

When World War II broke out, bringing with it a sudden mushrooming of problems to be solved and needs to be met in the entire world, under God's providence the Council was already in existence, a tested and trusted agency of the churches, ready to serve at an instant's notice.

During the decade that ended at the mid-century, money and sup amounting to nearly 50 million lars were given for emergency w in the United States, for overseas lief and reconstruction, for the s port of orphaned missions and inter-church aid. Still more signifi are the facts that by 1950 the Co cil's regular budget for domestic w approximated $450 000 annually, it had acquired office buildings New York and Washington, o headquarters in Chicago and seve branch offices in other parts of country.

Subsequent to the organization the Lutheran World Federation Lund, Sweden, in 1947, the Cou became the U. S. National Commit of the Lutheran World Federati and established major offices in Ge va, Jerusalem, Hong Kong and other points in every continent of globe. Today the budget for t Council's overseas work exce $3,000,000 annually. In the total p gram, domestic and foreign, 400 p sons are employed or substantia subsidized by the Council.

The phenomenal growth of t work of the Council can be attribut to the following factors: problems competition and duplication in fo eign missionary work; entrance tax-supported governmental agenci into fields of welfare work demand a re-appraisal by the Church of i social mission; importance of expan ing the Church's spiritual ministry students in colleges and universitie the necessity for the Church to make positive witness in areas of nation

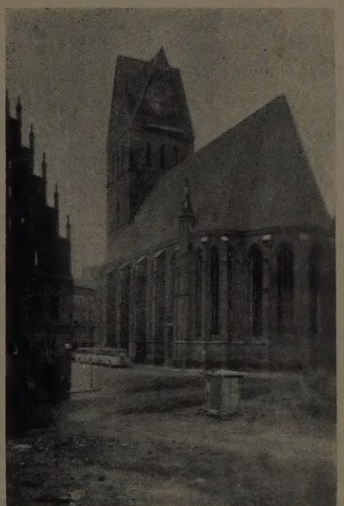
affecting the peace and welfare our country and other nations. ese and other factors demanded eater Lutheran cooperation imme- ately, without waiting for the urches to achieve unity by normal ocesses.

The work of the Council today is der the general supervision of 21 presentatives from the eight partici- ting bodies.

The program is divided into the fol- wing categories: Division of Wel- re, Division of Public Relations, Di- sion of American Missions, Division Student Service, Division of Luth- an Cooperation in Latin America, ommission on Younger Churches d Orphaned Missions, Bureau of rvice to Military Personnel, Luther- Resettlement Service, European esk, Lutheran World Action, Luth- an World Relief.

The above list does not include a riety of special activities.

Before World War II, a special ap- eal was organized to send supplies beleaguered Finland, at that time gaged in its first winter war with ussia. Assistance also was given to utheran refugees fleeing to this ountry from Nazi persecution for thnic or other reasons. In coopera- on with the Lutheran Church—Mis- ouri Synod, a Commission for Spir- ual Care to Prisoners of War carried n work in a hundred camps scattered om the Atlantic to the Pacific. The Council's Service Commission, during ne war years, operated over 95 Luth- ran Service Centers in this country, Alaska and overseas.



NLC News Photo

Marktkirche, Hannover, Germany

The famous medieval Marktkirche will be the center of world Lutheranism this summer. Badly damaged during the war, this church has been under repair for many months and will be ready to provide a place of worship for the Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation, July 25 to August 3.

Several hundreds of thousands of dollars were administered by the Division of American Missions in setting up 56 centers for church and Sunday school activities in war industry communities.

In its care of mission fields cut off from their bases of support since the outbreak of the war in 1939, the Council carried the major part of the burden for all of Protestant Christianity, since the major part of the orphaned missions were Lutheran groups from the churches of Norway, Denmark, Finland and Germany.

The Lutheran Resettlement Service brought to the United States 30,000

DPs and refugees. The Council through Lutheran World Action furnished nearly all the funds with which the Lutheran World Federation assisted, partly or completely, 100,00 DPs and refugees to find refuge in Australia, South America and Canada.

In all the activities mentioned above, the Lutheran churches in Canada which are affiliated with participating bodies in the National Lutheran Council, cooperated fully and in good proportion. They are partners in all results achieved.

Although the volume of work has been reduced somewhat since its peak year prior to 1950, it is now clear that the National Lutheran Council maintain a program internationa scope and substantial in volume years to come. At the 1952 Quinq nial Assembly of the Lutheran W Federation in Hannover, Germ the participating bodies of the C cil will meet with 40 Luth Churches from 24 countries aro the world, to make further plan continue cooperative work along lines listed above, and subsequer through the Council, to do everyth within their power to witness to Gospel during these critical times to help bring peace and understa ing to our world.

ULCA Brotherhood Leaders at Conference for Laymen at Buffalo

Seated, left to right, are: Aubrey Mauney, secretary; Ralph J. Wohlsen, president; Fre W. Konemann, first vice-president. Standing, left to right, are: William Sheflock, secor vice-president; Leonard Ashford, executive committee.

Sponsored by the National Council of Churches, this conference for laymen, held February, discussed the theme of "the Christian and his daily work." Headline speak was Lutheran Layman Reinold von Thadden, of Germany, who called laymen the "esse tial interpreter of the Christian message in the battlefield of the world."

ading ULCA Layman, Brotherhood esident Ralph J. Wohlsen, Extends arewell to Leading German Luth- an Layman, Reinold von Thadden

Ralph J. Wohlsen, ULCA Brotherood president, was a special guest the farewell dinner given in honor Dr. Reinold von Thadden, leading utheran layman of Germany, on the e of his departure for Europe, at ood Shepherd Lutheran Church, rooklyn, N.Y., the Rev. William F. unday, Ph.D., pastor.

Mr. Wohlsen brought greetings om the ULCA Brotherhood and the utheran laymen of the United States d Canada, evaluating the spiritual ossibilities of Christian men in our itical age.

Presenting impromptu his own pin, Ir. Wohlsen extended to Dr. von hadden an Honorary Life Memberhip in the ULCA Brotherhood. And arly the next morning President Wohlsen accompanied the departing uest to the airport.

Dr. von Thadden came to this country to tell about the lessons he has een teaching men in Germany. Laymen, said he, are called upon to exhibit their Christianity in the way they manage their everyday vocations. During his stay here, he also visited Minneapolis and Canada.

The Unit Leaders of the Good Shepherd Chapter of Lutheran Men, who sponsored the farewell dinner to Dr. von Thadden, gave their guest a silver Good Shepherd medallion which he will present to John C. Krokus, former crucifer of the church,

Dr. Reinold von Thadden
Leading German Lutheran

now serving in Germany with the Army of Occupation. The youth's father, Col. Theodore J. Krokus, in charge of transportation for General Patton's staff during the war, is president of the Lutheran Men's chapter.

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President Wohlsen in Hospital

ULCA Brotherhood President Ralph J. Wohlsen had a growth removed from the right side of his breast on April 4 in Norwalk, Conn., Hospital. Discharged from the hospital the following day, President Wohlsen and Mrs. Wohlsen flew to Liverpool, N.Y., on April 8 for recuperation and rest. He returned to business on April 14.

The Brotherhood extends best wishes for his complete recovery and continued good health.

Boy Scouts

by GEORGE A. EICHLER

SCOUTING throughout the U. L. C. is advanc
ing rapidly in numbers and effectiveness

CHECK on all eligible boys in your congrega
tion to see if they are connected with
scouting.

OPEN to every boy the full opportunities o
this time-tested program.

ULTIMATE success will be your reward i
you have well-trained, conscientious lead
ers leading your troop.

TEAMWORK is essential to success in any
worth-while endeavor, including scouting

IMPORTANT habits and attitudes are taugh
to boys, which influence their entire lives

NOW is the time to evaluate your activities
in scouting and to improve them whereve
necessary.

GOOD boys develop into good men under the
influence of scouting.

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Education for Living

by EARL S. RUDISILL

New Light on Adult Living

THE OLD superstition is almost gone — that adults can't learn. We know better today, both from scientific experimentation and from the fact that all over the country adults — more than twenty million of them — are in classes and are learning. As I go to lunch I sometimes pass the new location of the largest school for adults in North America.

About 30 years ago Thorndike found that the peak of human learning capacity is reached at about the age of 22, that after 40 there is a loss of learning capacity of one half of one per cent to one per cent each year, on an average. But Thorndike did not measure the speed of learning.

Recently Irving Lorge of Columbia University conducted a somewhat similar experiment on adult learning in which it was shown that learning capacity does not decline as one grows older, but that the process is somewhat slower — it takes longer to do it. The slower progress was traced largely to defects in some of the sense organs, especially ears and eyes. Reaction time also slows down and there appears a reluctance to learn. This reluctance seems to be due to a changing sense of values, number of things already learned, disillusion ments, and a more selective attitud toward experiences. Dr. Lorge foun also that learning activity and contro are more direct among older people attention, interest, and motivation ar more likely to be present; greater ex perience facilitates learning; problem solving is easier for older persons and there is advantage in learning various skills early in life.

Professor Lorge found that adult understand the spoken word bette than the written word at all speeds Slow distinct speech, simple and clea statements, clear vision of the perso speaking, use of blackboard, conver sational manner, repetition with vari ation, ruling out of distractions, an making sure that all can see and hea — all of these factors are helpful.

People should be seated as near t the teacher as possible, with goo light, but no glare. All distracting ob jects should be cleared away, an large pictures, diagrams, charts, an writing should be used. Abbreviation should be avoided. A teacher shoul begin with the present interests, needs and problems of the class, adding on thing at a time, and use some repeti tion.

Adults need some encouragement in order to overcome a certain timidity which characterizes some of them. They are pleased to have their names remembered and to receive credit for what they think or produce, but they dislike sarcasm or ridicule. They like to have a class dismissed on time, and to feel that they have learned something to take home with them.

This is Dr. Lorge's valuable contribution to adult education. We may well make use of his findings and their implications in teaching religion.

Brotherhood in Action

By CHARLES F. BROBST

Value of the Church

How much is the church worth to you? Have you ever tried to estimate how much the church means to you in dollars and cents? Our evaluation of the church largely determines the amount of time, talent and money we are willing to give to its support.

A lawyer tried to figure out how much his church was worth to him. This is how he estimated it.

1. The church influences the community to be orderly. This is worth $1,800 to him.

2. The religious training the church gives his three children is worth $500 a year each or $1,500.

3. The social uplift through the church and allied institutions he valued at $1,000 a year.

4. The philosophy of life, the ideals and aims of life are worth $800.

5. The good friends who are Christian cannot be measured in money.

6. His church training that enables him to meet temptations is worth $15,000 a year.

7. The church's fight for peace deserves at least $1,000. Thinking of his son who might be killed in the war, he raised this to $25,000. Even that seemed small.

8. The value of the way the church prepares him to meet death he can place no value on.

Realizing that he could not possibly repay the church with silver or gold for its help to him, he determined to give as much as possible. In addition he set aside some of his time to serve the church in the Sunday school, Brotherhood, etc. To do less would indicate lack of thoughtfulness and gratitude. For the church to continue and increase its usefulness it must have men to support it. No longer would he be content to let others do it. He was going to roll up his sleeves and get to work himself.

Message from Headquarters

by EARLE W. BADER

ULCA Brotherhood Will Convene in Washington, D.C. Sept. 20-21, 1952

THE ADMINISTRATIVE committee of the ULCA Brotherhood has completed plans for the 18th biennial convention to be held in Washington, D.C., Sept. 20-21, 1952.

The convention business session will be held in Luther Place Memorial Lutheran Church, starting at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20. The Rev. Franklin Clark Fry, D.D. will deliver the principal address at the fellowship banquet at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, at 6:30 p.m., Saturday evening. The convention will close with a mammoth Lutheran rally on Sunday afternoon, September 21, with Dr. Paul C. Empie the speaker.

The Maryland synodical Brotherhood is cooperating in the convention arrangements. Special committees have been appointed to provide entertainment and arrange sight-seeing trips for the delegates, visitors and their lady guests.

The theme of this streamlined convention will be "The Bible in Daily Living." All of the convention reports will be available for study by the delegates prior to the time of the meeting.

Official registration blanks for synodical and congregational delegates have been mailed to each synodical Brotherhood president. Please bear in mind that Sept. 1, 1952, is the deadline date for receiving official delegates' registrations at the Brotherhood Offices, Bethlehem, Pa.

We cordially invite you to bring your lady guests and visitors for whom the following rates will apply:

Convention Reservations (for visitors): Registration, $1.50; Saturday Luncheon, $2.50; Saturday Banquet, $7.00; Communion Breakfast, $1.00. Closing Date, Sept. 13.

e respectfully invite your attention to the following:

Only delegates can purchase "Package Reservations" for themselves only.

Extra banquet tickets will cost $7.00 each, which includes gratuity.

Saturday luncheon will be confined to delegates only.

. Sunday breakfast for delegates and wives only — Communion for all.

. Rates for rooms in private homes, minimum, $3.00 single, $5.00 double.

. Make all checks payable to "ULCA Brotherhood" and mail to the Brothood Offices, Market and New Streets, Bethlehem, Pa.

. Room reservation rates:—

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Additional information regarding the convention program and other details ll appear in future issues of *Lutheran Men.*

All of us should plan now to attend the Washington convention, which will doubtedly be the greatest meeting in our Brotherhood history. Let us all rk and pray for the success of this convention.

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Pittsburgh Synod Brotherhood Studies Needed Reorganization Plan

It is generally recognized, throughout the ULCA, that Brotherhood progress and strength depend largely upon an active and strong conference organization. In this synod, we have gained ground through the efforts of many Brotherhood officers who have worked hard to organize Lutheran men throughout each conference under the banner of the Brotherhood.

Our 10-point program, however, now requires a much larger corps of consecrated laymen in each conference. The local officers cannot handle it alone. For that reason, at the January 27 meeting of the executive committee, a reorganization plan was recommended for adoption in our six conferences.

The main feature of the plan is a committee organization, with each committee responsible for one specific activity as outlined in the 10-point program. For example, evangelism, home missions, boys' work, lay visitations, and Brotherhood promotion will be directed by individual committees, reporting to the elected officers of the conference.

In the executive committee of the synodical Brotherhood, members will be assigned to work with these conference committees. There will be an exchange of ideas, through which the best methods and procedures, as proved by actual experience, will be made available to all.

It is recognized that the new plan will temporarily add a heavy load to our already overloaded conference leaders, in that they will need search out a considerable numbe top-notch laymen to man the vari committees. However, it is here we believe the new plan will imm ately pay two important dividen first, it will provide an opportu to men who have never been cal upon to fully use their talents in cialized Christian work, and, seco it will provide the manpower that Brotherhood—and the church—n sorely needs.

We believe, too, that Lutheran m will respond to the call "Men Wa ed" if we show them not only the s of the job, but also our faith in th individual ability to handle it. therefore commend the plan to officers of each conference.

— Walter C. Koeh

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Nebraska Paragraphs

THE CITY of Fremont was given t title "Second Busiest Railroad Cent in Nebraska," according to an arti in a Lincoln newspaper recently. T city is on the main line of the Uni Pacific, North Western and Burlin ton Railroads. However, the Brothe hood of Salem Church, apparentl wasn't on the main line for the sp cial program in March featuring t showing of the film "45 Tioga Street Only 20 men attended.

MARCH BRINGS to mind the first spring when we expect things to sta growing. Brotherhood of Our R deemer, Omaha, reports, "The la few meetings have been rather co spicuous for their small attendan

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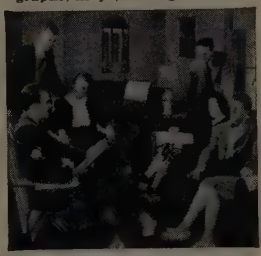

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and it is hoped that with March our attendance will start growing."

With a view toward creating the interest of the congregation along this year's emphasis, "The Bible in Daily Living," the officers of the Brotherhood have set out to find the oldest Bible in the congregation. Bibles were displayed at the March meeting, which also honored the past presidents of the organization.

NEBRASKA observed its 85th anniversary of statehood on March 1. Christ Church, Davenport, observes its 60th anniversary this year. One of the outstanding events planned for this observance was the Fathers and Sons banquet sponsored by the Brotherhood; the speaker, Professor W. F. Zimmerman, Ph.D., of Midland College, Fremont.

EMMANUEL Brotherhood, Tekamah, are considering painting the interior of the church as a project. The men will supply the paint, too!

— Paul Weigman

Snapshots

NEWSMEN in Allentown, Pa., watching Muhlenberg College hawks, looking for advance tips "leaks" about the college's possi choice of a new president.

AUBREY Mauney, ULCA Broth hood secretary, will represent t Brotherhood as official visitor to t Assembly of the Lutheran World Fe eration in Hannover, Germany, th summer.

PROFESSORS of systematic and pra tical theology from United Luther Church seminaries have been invite to help plan the church's stewardsh program for the coming year at th annual stewardship conference, to h held June 19 to 20 at Northwester Theological Seminary, Minneapoli Minn.

THE WAGNER College (Staten I land, N.Y.) choir of 50 voices wil make a concert tour of Germany thi summer, during which it will sing a the Assembly of the Lutheran Worl Federation, in Hannover.

Honorary Life Membership

by PHARES G. BEER

Can an organization have a membership?

IN A RECENT communication Richard E. Eilers, secretary of Zion Lutheran Brotherhood, Gothenberg, Nebraska, asked, "Can an organization be awarded an Honorary Life Membership?" Because other groups and individuals may be asking the same question we are giving our answer here.

An organization may be awarded

Honorary Life Membership. This tion is clearly answered on page paragraph seven of the minutes of 17th Biennial Convention of the herhood of the United Lutheran rch in America, in the first para- h of the general principles for orary Life and In Memoriam berships of the report of the Hon- y Life Membership committee to Cedar Rapids convention. It is answered on page 10, column and paragraph four, in the Janu- 1951, issue of *Lutheran Men.* We te the last indicated paragraph, y person, *Brotherhood* or *other nization* upon the payment of .00 or more may give or *become* Honorary Life Member. Any num- of these memberships may be tak- out by or given to the same person organization."

He also asked whether in such an tance the president would wear the otherhood lapel button, to which replied that this is a matter for the al Brotherhood to decide. We feel t unless there is a very definite son for another person to wear it, e perhaps the senior member or ne charter member, the president of local Brotherhood should wear it.

A person already having an Honor- y Life Membership may take out an Memoriam Membership on some ner person for $40.00. It is clearly derstood that in such an instance ere will be no Honorary Life Mem- rship certificate, card, button or pin issued and that the name of the individual or group giving this In Memoriam will not again be placed on the Honorary Life Membership roll.

May we urge all the persons who have taken out In Memoriam Memberships since June 1, 1951, please to send the photographs and data of the persons memorialized to the Brotherhood Headquarters, Market and New Streets, Bethlehem, Pa., *before June* 1, so as to appear in the August issue of *Lutheran Men.* If no photographs are furnished, only the names of the memorialized members will be listed in that issue of *Lutheran Men.* For a satisfactory reproduction a clear picture with a glossy finish should be submitted. Photographs can never be returned. Cuts or half tones can never be used.

Recently one of our excellent Brotherhood leaders and fine personal friends was given an Honorary Life Membership by his local Brotherhood. He frankly told us that it was a genuine thrill for him to receive it, even though at one time he said he was dubious about the entire Brotherhood Honorary Life and In Memoriam Membership plan. We now have 150 Honorary Life and eight In Memoriam memberships from 16 different synodical Brotherhood bodies.

One of the Brotherhoods of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania recently took action to present an Honorary Life Membership to one of its members to be nominated for the honor by its executive committee annually.

New York Synod

The convention of the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Synod of New York will be held May 17 in Trinity Lutheran Church, New Haven, Conn. Speakers will be Dr. F. R. Knubel, president, New York Synod; Ralph J. Wohlsen, president, ULCA Brotherhood; Dr. William H. Stackel, Rochester, who was named the Protestant Layman of the Year, in 1951. The convention will open with the executive committee meeting, at 11:30 a.m., to which delegates and guests are invited. The afternoon session, at 2:15, will be given over to devotions, discussions, and business. Addresses and a Boy Scout ceremony will be features at the evening rally, at 8. Hans Treuenfels is president of the New York Synod Brotherhood.

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Lutheran Deaconess School Opens August 3

The new buildings of the Lutheran Deaconess School, Ruxton, Md., will be used for the first time beginning with the summer session on August 3. Ruxton is the new location of the Motherhouse and Deaconess School, which was formerly at 2500 W. North Ave., Baltimore. The summer session, which will extend to August 16, will offer courses for volunteer women workers in the local congregation, and refresher courses for full-time women workers. The summer curriculum includes, Religion in American Life, Philosophy of Religion, Christian Education of Adolescents, Old Testament Prophets, Handwork Workshop. Further information concerning the new school can be secured from Sister Catherine Neuhardt, dean and registrar, 2500 W. North Ave., Baltimore 16, Md., until June 15, after which the new address will be Ruxton 4, Md.

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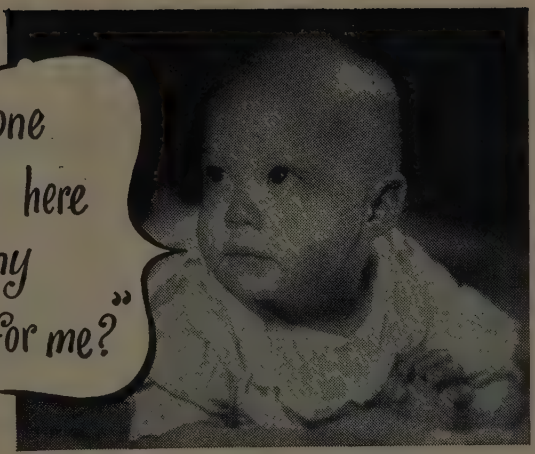
Washington District Brotherhood

The first 1952 quarterly meeting of the Washington, D.C., District Lutheran Brotherhood was held on Feb. 2 with a fried chicken dinner at Holy Comforter Church. At this evening meeting a reactivated Brotherhood, St. John's, was honored, and the stewardship film, "45 Tioga Street," was previewed.

The District Brotherhood's Ash Wednesday communion breakfast was held at Luther Place Church, at 7 a.m., with the group's special adviser, Pastor E. R. Bley, Zion Church, and Host Pastor L. Ralph Tabor conducting the service.

A Lutheran Servicemen's Canteen sponsored by the District Brotherhood, has been put into operation. The first canteen was held on Saturday evening, Feb. 2, with 163 attending, at Luther Place parish house. The second canteen in the series was held on Feb. 16, at Reformation Church.

The new 1952 officers of the Washington District Brotherhood are President Lowell E. Seim, Holy Comforter; Vice-President Edward F. "Ted" Owen, St. Luke's; Secretary Samuel W. "Bill" Keller, St. Peter's; Treasurer Harold H. "Pop" Howland, Luther Place; Special Adviser, Pastor Edward R. Bley, Zion.



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The Christian and Education

by H. F. KILANDER

Author

Dr. H. F. Kilander's vocation is education. His avocation is church work.

He was graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College, and received his doctorate from Columbia University. He taught biology at Upsula College, East Orange, New Jersey, served as dean of Panzer College, East Orange, New Jersey, and taught at summer sessions of the New York University, the University of Mexico, and other institutions. At present he is an educational specialist in the United States Office of Education, Washington, D.C. He is also the author of numerous articles and several books in the field of education.

Among the important church positions held by Dr. Kilander are membership on the executive committee of the Department of United Church Men, National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America, vice-chairmanship of the Lutheran Committee on Scouting, and past presidency of the Brotherhood of the Augustana Lutheran Church.

EDUCATION is sometimes defined a the complete and harmonious develo ment of a person's powers and capac ties for his own welfare and that o his fellow men. If this is accepted a the definition of education, it must b evident that education and religio are closely related, for the develop ment of a person's powers and capac ties is also one of the goals of th Christian religion.

Relationship of Church to Educatio

It has been said that the church i the mother of education, for educatio received its start largely through th church. The Christian church earl became interested in the education o men for the priesthood. Throughou

Editorial Committee

Arthur H. Getz, D.D., chairman, Charles E Johnson, C. Oscar Leonardson, Carl E. Schock S. M. Brock. Topics prepared under auspice of the American Federation of Lutheran Broth erhoods.

Aims

1. To understand the important role that th church has had in fostering education.
2. To understand the responsibilities of bot the public school and the church in the fiel of education.
3. To learn something about present-da church-related educational institutions.
4. To give special consideration to a goo educational program for adults in the loca congregation.

Note to topic leader: Be sure to make use o any assignments that were made for this meet ing — reports on church colleges, available scholarships, panel discussion, etc.

Medieval Age the monasteries re the principal places where learn- was fostered and where libraries re preserved against the ravages of .

n general it is true that wherever ristianity has gone there has been ightenment. The Christian church, l particularly the Protestant urch, has been a champion of edu- ion. With the coming of Protestant- n there was increased emphasis laid on the greater recognition of the portance of education for the gen- l public as well as for those who re to become leaders of the church.

Education in the United States

In the United States many of the ly schools were started by religious ups. All of our early colleges and iversities had such a beginning. ost of these institutions began as ademies — the forerunner of our gh school of today. Elementary edu- ion was received largely at home m parents, or through tutoring. adually, the college level was add- to that of the academy.

Later the state entered the field of gher education. Now each state has a state university, covering many fields of learning, as well as teachers' colleges.

The American system of education is organized by the people. In every locality a school board is elected to set up and direct the local schools. The school boards are responsible for keeping up standards set by the state.

In the United States, the federal government, as represented by the Office of Education of the Federal Security Agency, serves principally for consultation and the gathering of statistics, with no direct authority over state and local schools. This situation is quite different from that of other countries, where the governments exercise considerable control over local schools.

Education of Children and Youth

The primary responsibility for the education of children rests with parents. The parents, however, assign part of that responsibility to a school, which may be an institution of the church or of the state. In either case the parents will understand that they must bear the cost of such education — through taxes for the state-supported schools or through direct contributions for church-supported schools.

Parents have almost exclusive responsibility for the education of their children up to the age of six. From approximately six to eighteen, or through high school, responsibility is shared with the public school system. But the parents still have the responsibility of seeing to it that the public school defends and enhances moral

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Lutheran Schools and Colleges

In the United States there are a number of Lutheran elementary schools, most of them supported by one branch of the Lutheran church, The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. Of the approximately 26,000 high schools and academies in the United States a number are Lutheran, most of which are also supported by The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.

Today we have 1852 colleges, universities, and professional schools in our country, with 2,295,000 students enrolled in 1950. Of this number of institutions 640 are state- or city-controlled, that is, tax-supported. Another 507 are privately financed, and 710 are under denominational control and support. Of this latter number 476 are Protestant, 229 are Roman Catholic, and 5 are Jewish. The Lutheran Church has 31 regular colleges, 17 junior colleges, and 23 seminaries in the United States and Canada.

The question is often asked, "What can my children get by attending a church college that they are less likely to get at a state college or university or at other non-church supported institutions?" Here are some of the answers:

1. In the church-supported institutions there is definite emphasis upon *Christian* education.

2. There are more personal contacts between faculty and students, especially in the smaller colleges.

3. More emphasis is placed on such principles as reverence, the dignity of man, love, tolerance, moral rectitud and freedom of expression and inves gation.

4. Members of the faculty are car fully selected, not only because their scholarship but because of the Christian faith and life.

An Inescapable Responsibility

The Christian church is the moth of education, as it is also of healt and welfare. Through improveme in each of these areas, the worth of t individual is elevated. Although pu lic education is available to almo every person in the United States an Canada, the individual Christian da not let his interest in education wan Our concern should be to expand ed cational opportunities for all ag groups, from childhood through th years of adulthood. We should be co cerned particularly about the type educational programs available to ou children. If we believe in educatio we should be vitally interested in th *quality* of the instruction, whic means the quality of the teachers, th facilities, and the equipment availabl to promote education.

We contend in America that ou educational institutions must remai free from domination. That is ou best safeguard against dictatorshi We need to be reminded that dictator have recognized the importance of th schools in the attainment of their sel ish ends. In totalitarian countrie whether in Hitler's Germany, Muss lini's Italy, or Stalin's Russia, dict tors acquired control over educatio and therefore over thought. Alon with the control of education went th

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rol of religion in these countries. must guard our educational pro- n, for an enlightened citizenry is essential bulwark against Com- ism and other "isms."

If we agree that a democracy is de- dent upon an informed public, n it becomes the responsibility as l as the privilege of all citizens to support such education financial- This principle holds whether we married and have many, a few, or children in the school system, or ther we are single. In a democracy must all help toward such a com- n goal.

As Christians we have still another son for supporting education. Edu- on is in fact an inescapable re- nsibility of the Christian — a re- nsibility growing out of his voca- n (call by God). As Christians we ieve that we have been called by Holy Ghost into fellowship with d, and that this call of God carries h it the responsibility of living in ay that is pleasing to him. God has lled us not into darkness, but light; into ignorance, but knowledge. en as he wants the wealth of his ssings, including knowledge and ightenment, to flow into our lives, he wants it to flow into the lives of of his children. Our response to call of God therefore includes the ger support of every endeavor that ll change ignorance into knowledge, rkness into light. As Christians it is r inescapable responsibility to sup- rt schools, agencies, and movements at will enhance knowledge and un- rstanding in every field of human endeavor.

Religious Instruction in Public Schools?

In the United States we believe in the separation of church and state. Since public schools are a part of the state, such separation applies there also. Religious instruction dare not be imparted in the public school. This, of course, places a special responsibility upon our congregations. Theirs is the duty to provide adequate Christian education through Sunday school, weekday school, or other agencies.

Moral and Spiritual Values

We should not confuse sectarian instruction in public schools, which is forbidden, with the teaching of morals and spiritual values. The Educational Policies Commission of the National Education Association of the United States has recently issued a statement under the title, "Moral and Spiritual Values in the Public Schools." The commission states that education "is expected" to serve the development of moral and spiritual values. By these, it asserts, "we mean those values which, when applied in human behavior, exalt and refine life and bring it into accord with the standards of conduct that are approved in our democratic culture." The commission

stresses the need for specific instruction in morals, manners, respect for property, and such intangibles as personal opinion, safety, thrift, and patriotism. The report closes with an acknowledgement that the schools alone cannot do all the work that needs to be done. That is where the church and the home and the forces of organized local and national government come in.

Adult Education in the Church

The Christian church is recognized as an effective agency for the Christian education of children and youth, but what is sometimes overlooked is the vast educational work which the church promotes in the field of adult education. Even the church services have educational value. But beyond church services there are adult classes in Sunday school, weekday Bible classes, in some sections of the church vacation and weekday school for adults, Brotherhood programs, Women's Missionary Society meetings, choirs, altar guilds, ushers' leagues, ladies' aids, church councils, and many other groups — all of which promote an educational program of some kind. A number of our Lutheran groups prepare special textbooks for adults on a great variety of subjects under the general heading "Elective Series for Adults."

The important thing for a local congregation is to have a definite educational plan that makes provision for adults as well as children and young people. An inescapable responsibility growing out of our vocation is continued growth in the knowledge and understanding of all things that p tain to a fully rounded Christian p sonality.

For Discussion

1. Is it better to send a young p son to a church college or a n church institution? Why? Which the nearest college supported by church?

2. Should we promote paroch education on the elementary leve Why, or why not?

3. Does every Christian have a sponsibility for the education of ch dren, even if he has no children of own? Why?

4. Is the high cost of public edu tion justifiable? Why?

5. What educational agencies of t community, in addition to the schoo deserve our cooperation and suppor

6. What would be a good educatio al program for adults in the loc congregation? What steps can t Brotherhood take to improve this pr gram?

The Land We Love

Assignment for the July Meeting

Modern Americans and Canadians probab have an appreciation of their countries tod that exceeds the appreciation of their fo fathers. This is because we in our generati have been led to see how far the privileg which we enjoy exceed the privileges of pe ple of most other nations. At a time wh liberty and fredom are ground under the he of dictators we are still free. It is therefo quite fitting that the Brotherhood topic July should be "The Christian and Freedom

Interest in the July topic would be enhanc if one of the following assignments were c ried out:

1. Invite a lawyer or judge to attend t meeting and speak briefly on **The Bill Rights** and the **Magna Carta.**

2. Invite a **D. P.** to attend the meeting a describe the contrast between our conditio of freedom and conditions as he knew them Europe.

Allentown, Pa., Conference

e fourth annual Music Festival, sored by the choirs of St. John's eran Church, Allentown, Pa., and Brotherhoods of the Allentown erence, will be held on May 6. lucted on a non-profit basis and y for the purpose of fostering ter appreciation of fine religious c, the festival this year will n feature Miss Laurel Hurley, was soloist at the first festival.

ne 20th anniversary of the Allen- Conference Brotherhood was ob- ed on April 29 with a banquet in Trinity Church, Bethlehem. The F. Eppling Reinartz, D.D., secre- of the ULCA, spoke on the work present status of the United Luth- Church in America.

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he annual convention of the Mary- Synod Brotherhood will be held rday, May 24, at Gettysburg, Pa. tember 6 and 7 have been selected the Lutheran Laymen's Annual eat at Camp Nawakwa, near ndtsville, Pa.

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printed from *Ecclesia Plantanda*) he editor of *Ecclesia* certainly k his neck out in writing the story he mission at Geraldton, Ont., for January *Lutheran Men*. He credit- Pastor Robert E. Rock's ability to ure a new Ford to one of the rd's emergency loans. Pastor Rock te that he didn't know there was h a thing and forthwith made ap- ation for one to replace the com- rcial loan which cost him consider- e higher interest.

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Norristown, Pa., Conference

The spring rally (the 41st semi-annual) of the Norristown, Pa., Conference Brotherhood was held on April 22 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Hilltown, the Rev. LeRoy Bond, pastor. Dr. Paul C. Empie, executive secretary of the National Lutheran Council, spoke.

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Philadelphia, Pa., Conference

The 21st spring rally of the Philadelphia, Pa., Conference Brotherhood was held on April 28 in Redeemer Lutheran Church, with Pastor Celo V. Leitzel, instructor in Christian Education at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, giving the message.

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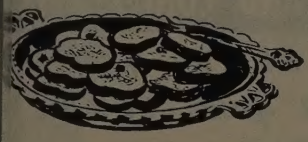

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Snapshots

DR. CHARLES B. FOELSCH, pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in New York City since 1947, has accepted the office of first president of the new Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, in Berkeley, Calif.

KAGAWA, the Japanese evangelist, has requested the Evangelical Church in Germany to send 1,000 missionaries and other needed help to Japan.

LUTHERANISM will be represented by 93 delegates from 20 countries at the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches, which will be held on the campus of Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill., in August of 1954.

THE TOTAL of Lutherans gathering in Hannover, Germany, during the last days of the Lutheran World Federation Assembly, July 25 to August 3, may reach 60,000 to 80,000, according to an estimate of Nachrichten, the news bulletin of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bavaria.

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